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Growing minds for learning, crafting skills for life

Spring Term Bulletin

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have enjoyed the sunshine today! We have had a very informative day in school, learning all about phonics with our Read Write Inc trainer. Were looking forward to putting our learning into practice with the children next week.

Term Dates

Following our governors meeting yesterday, I can now confirm our term dates for next year. Please see the academic calendar at the end of this bulletin. It is also available on our website here.

After School Clubs

Our clubs are beginning again next week! We hope the children are looking forward to this—we can't wait to get started again!

Sing and String

We are very excited to share that Sing and String will be returning to Ash Hill in the summer term. this funded project allows our Year 2 and 3 children to learn how to play the violin! We look forward to sharing more information about this with you soon.

Pupil Librarians

As you know, reading is always our priority at Ash Hill. We know it is our job to ensure **all** our children are confident readers, and this is one of the key ways in which we achieve our mission of *growing minds for learning, crafting skills for life*. We encourage our children to read every day, and we want all children to love reading. To support with this, we recently invested in a beautiful new library, and we're keen to ensure it remains accessible to our children. Keeping the library tidy, reviewing and recommending books, creating displays and generally managing this important space is a big job, but Miss Butt knows our pupils are up to the challenge! Over the past few weeks she has been accepting applications from some of our Upper School children to become librarians, and we are now very lucky to have our own school librarian team! Look out for these pupils proudly showing off their gold star librarian badges. One of our core values at Ash Hill is responsibility, and this is a fabulous way for these children to develop this. We look forward to seeing our library develop even further as a result of their work.

Parents and Carers Consultation Evening

Please be aware of the letter I sent yesterday, detailing the arrangements for our Parent and Carer consultations next week. Although covid19 restrictions have been relaxed, schools are high risk places for transmission of the virus, and it is important that we reduce this as much as possible to avoid disruption to our pupils' education. Please follow the guidance on my letter to support us in running the events as safely as possible. You can order LFT kits from the NHS website, and we appreciate all visitors taking a test before they arrive at school. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you next week.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Manning

Headteacher

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Attendance W/c 14.03.22

Class	Attendance %	Lates
Reception	96.9	5
Year 1	97.7	2
Year 2	89.2	1
Year 3	90.2	6
Year 4	95.3	7
Year 5	96.3	8
Year 6	89.3	2

Hero—Here Everyday, Ready On time!

100%	Excellent
96 – 99.9%	Good
90 – 95.9%	Needs to improve
89.9% or less	Really needs to improve

Community Mindedness Tokens

Year 1	24
Year 2	59
Year 3	19
Year 4	51
Year 5	70
Year 6	51

Coming Up...

Date	Event
28/03/22	Parent / Carer Consultations (Booking information to follow)
29/03/22	Parent / Carer Consultations (Booking information to follow)
30/03/22	Stay & Play Nursery & Reception
01/04/22	Hills Café Visit to Nursery
08/04/22	School Closes at **2.00pm** for Easter Holidays
11/04/22— 22/04/22	**Easter Holidays**
19/04/22	National Primary Allocation Day—Parents will be sent an email from Bucks CC.
25/04/22	**Inset Day**
26/04/22	School Re-Opens (Breakfast Club open at 8.00am)
30/05/22-03/06/22	**School Closed for Half Term**
05/07/22 & 06/07/22	Transition Days
20/07/22	School closes for Summer break **2.00pm finish**
21/07/22	Extra Leave Day

Letters This Week

Letters are sent via Parent Mail and available on the school website

- Year 3 swimming
- Parent and carer consultations
- Year 6 STEM tournament
- Photograph proofs
- Reception and Nursery Stay and Play events
- Year 2 Forest School catch-up sessions
- Year 4 PE days
- Clubs not running on Parents Evenings
- Covid19 reminder

This Week in School...

- **Nursery** have been thinking about caterpillars and changes. The children were excited to have real caterpillars in the classroom and have been carefully observing them. We have been looking at the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and learning some new Makaton signs to use alongside our speech. Please ask your children the signs for - sun, caterpillar, egg, butterfly and moon. You will be very impressed! The children have been busy outside in our mud kitchen and lots of talk has been happening around 'healthy' and 'unhealthy' food choices. This week we are sending home our caterpillar song for you all to enjoy! **Our book this week**: The Very Hungry Caterpillar **Key vocabulary**: moon, egg, leaf, sun, caterpillar, butterfly **Our song this week**: There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf

- **Reception** have had a super week as they have started learning about the traditional story 'The 3 Little Pigs'. They have been learning to retell the beginning of the story with actions and have been learning language to describe the characters and different houses in the story such as straw, sticks and bricks. The children have enjoyed listening to different versions of the story and have loved making up stories using the character finger puppets in different small world settings. The children have experimented with colour mixing to make a paper plate pig, and have then cut out their own ears and drawn on the features. The children have enjoyed investigating this week - being super excited to discover that the seeds they planted last week have started to grow and discovering that we have slow worms up in our play area which they enjoyed holding, looking closely at and then describing. In maths, we have been ordering numbers to 10, recognising numerals to 10 and counting back from 10 which included singing the '10 in a bed' song. They have also been using 2D shapes to create a picture of a pig and a house and have been using the mathematical language they have learnt to name and describe the shapes they have used e.g. I have used a square to make my house. A square has 4 sides which are the same length and 4 corners. Click here for our phonics video this week

- **Year 1** have been enjoying the beautiful sunshine this week! We have been on a walk around the school grounds to generate some good vocabulary for our writing. In Maths, we have been learning about length and height. In RE, we have been asking questions about Easter. In PSHE, we have been exploring the importance of exercise and rest.

- **Year 2** have enjoyed a great week of sunshine and learning. In Science, the children are observing and learning about life cycle of plants. We've got various plants - from seeds, bulbs and tubers - in which we will be keeping a close eye on their development. The children have started keeping record of our potato's life journey. We are also learning understand the food chain and will be looking into how it works. In Writing, the children have been putting together their wonderful Tale of Fear. It great to see how they apply their learning into an independent piece of writing. In Maths, we have learned to recognise and find a 1/2 and 1/4 of an amount, object and quantity. Keep up the lovely learning year 2. Enjoy reading a lovely book in this gorgeous sunshine!

- We are moving onto our independent writing stage in **Year 3**. We have really enjoyed learning about our new English tools such as fronted adverbials and the present perfect tense by using the base text of The Day the Crayons Quit. For our published writing piece, we are going to think about what would happen if others things/ people quit! In Maths, we have really enjoyed investigating equal and unequal parts to kick off our fractions unit. Meanwhile in Science, we have designed a healthy and yummy recipe for Miss Killen as we train to become her personal trainers! Next week, we start swimming. Please check your child's bag for a swimming letter! (This was given out on Wednesday!)

- This week **Year 4** have enjoyed the beautiful weather and started their new PE topic hockey, which was lots of fun. In maths we have progressed our learning and are now looking at tenths and hundreds as decimals. We have also had a very exciting week in science and have investigated the effect that different types of drinks might have on our teeth. Do ask your children about the experiment! I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

- **Year 5** have had a brilliant week of learning! In writing, we've innovated a non-chronological report about sharks. By embedding our toolkit, we've created engaging texts, rich with information. In maths, we've practised mastering subtraction of fractions using different methods. In science, we've continued to explore life cycles of different living things. We've also continued tracking the growth of our plant clippings. In art, we've created our own unique shapes to draw tessellation patterns. Can you ask your child what a tessellation is? From Year 5—have a great weekend!

- **Year 6** have been writing their innovated versions of 'The Night Fairy' to create a finding tale in English. In Maths, they have learned how to solve problems on line graphs and pie charts as well as constructing pie charts and finding the 'mean' of a set of values. Ask your child to work out the mean from a small set of data and see if they can recall the method. Year 6 have also had an interesting visit from Highcrest inviting them to take part in a physics related competition. Ask the children all about it. I am very excited about it.

Term Dates—2022/2023

ASH HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ash Hill Primary School 2022/23 Academic Calendar

Pupil Days | Bank holidays | School holidays | Inset days | Transition Days

Sep-22						
Mon	29	5	12	19	26	
Tue	30	6	13	20	27	
Wed	31	7	14	21	28	
Thu	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24		
Sun	4	11	18	25		

Oct-22						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thu		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

Nov-22						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thu	3	10	17	24		
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

Dec-22						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thu	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

Jan-23						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	31
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thu		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

Feb-23						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22		
Thu	2	9	16	23		
Fri	3	10	17	24		
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

Mar-23						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thu	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24	31	
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

Apr-23						
Mon		3	10	17	24	
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thu		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

May-23						
Mon		1	8	15	22	29
Tue		2	9	16	23	30
Wed		3	10	17	24	31
Thu		4	11	18	25	
Fri		5	12	19	26	
Sat		6	13	20	27	
Sun		7	14	21	28	

Jun-23						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thu	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24		
Sun	4	11	18	25		

Jul-23						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thu		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

Aug-23						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thu	3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	4	11	18	25		
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Sun	6	13	20	27		